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Subject: Support for Richardson Family BZA Application, 3708 24th Street NE

Commissioner Sun and Members of the DLZU Committee,

I am writing to formally express my support for the Richardson family's BZA application and their proposed plans for rebuilding their home at 3708 24th Street NE.

The Richardsons have been displaced from their home for over a year due to a fire that originated next door, causing significant damage to their property. Throughout this process, they have been thoughtful, transparent, and deeply committed to returning to the neighborhood and raising their family here. I strongly support that goal.

They have worked closely with their architect and zoning counsel, conducted the appropriate studies, and made revisions to their plans to minimize impacts related to light, air, privacy, and overall neighborhood character. Based on my review and conversations with them, their proposal addresses those concerns and is consistent with the intent of the zoning regulations.

I also appreciate the effort they have made to engage neighbors, secure letters of support, and address questions in good faith. While it is rarely possible to achieve unanimous agreement, the record demonstrates that the project does not create undue impacts and allows the family to rebuild a functional, long-term home.

For these reasons, I support the project as designed and encourage the committee to do the same. Thank you for your time and for carefully considering this request.

Respectfully,

Zahid Rathore
Commissioner, ANC 5B07

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 21412
EXHIBIT NO. 31